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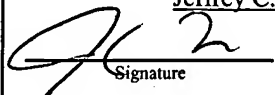
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Title: BALANCING MOST
FREQUENTLY USED
FILE SYSTEM
CLUSTERS ACROSS A
PLURALITY OF DISKS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
FEBRUARY 24, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of February 24, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.